



Arkansas Honey Report

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This report contains the results from the **Bee and Honey Survey**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for this survey.

2017 Arkansas Honey Production Up 35 Percent

Honey production during 2017 from Arkansas producers with five or more colonies totaled 2.23 million pounds, up 35 percent from 2016. There were 29,000 honey producing colonies in 2017, up 5,000 colonies from the previous year. Yield per colony averaged 77 pounds of honey, up 12 percent from 2016. Honey stocks held by producers on December 15, 2017, were 223,000 pounds, up 125 percent from a year earlier. The state average price for honey increased to \$1.91 per pound in 2017 from \$1.85 per pound in 2016. The total value of honey production totaled \$4.27 million, up 39 percent from the previous year.

Honey Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value - Arkansas and United States: 2016 and 2017

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

| Item | Unit | Arkansas | | | United States | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | 2016 ¹ | 2017 | Percent of previous year | 2016 ¹ | 2017 | Percent of previous year |
| | | (number) | (number) | (percent) | (number) | (number) | (percent) |
| Honey producing colonies ² | 1,000 Colonies | 24.0 | 29.0 | 121 | 2,775.0 | 2,669.0 | 96 |
| Yield per colony | Pounds | 69.0 | 77.0 | 112 | 58.3 | 55.3 | 95 |
| Production | 1,000 Pounds | 1,656.0 | 2,233.0 | 135 | 161,882.0 | 147,638.0 | 91 |
| Stocks on December 15 ³ | 1,000 Pounds | 99.0 | 223.0 | 225 | 41,253.0 | 30,577.0 | 74 |
| Average price per pound ⁴ | Cents | 185.0 | 191.0 | 103 | 211.9 | 215.6 | 102 |
| Value of production ⁵ | 1,000 Dollars | 3,064.0 | 4,265.0 | 139 | 343,028.0 | 318,308.0 | 93 |

¹ Revised.


² Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

³ Stocks held by producers.

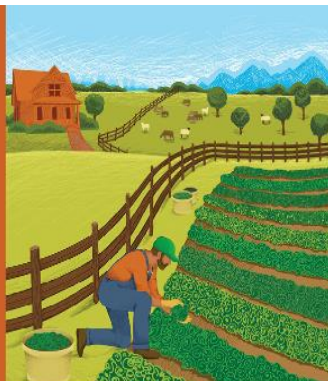
⁴ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

⁵ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

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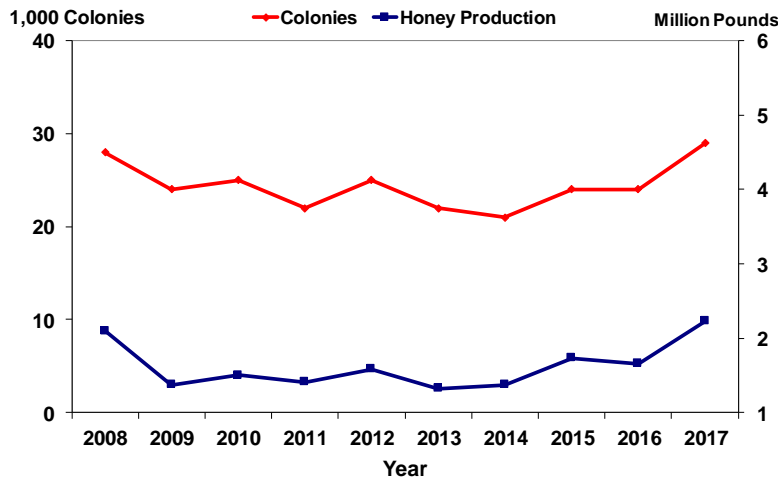
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Honey Producing Colonies and Production Arkansas: 2008 - 2017



Honey Price by Color Class - United States: 2016 and 2017

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm]

| Color Class | Average Price per Pound by Marketing Channel | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Co-op and Private | | Retail | | All | |
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 |
| | (cents per pound) | (cents per pound) | (cents per pound) | (cents per pound) | (cents per pound) | (cents per pound) |
| All honey | 192.0 | 201.0 | 474.5 | 477.7 | 211.9 | 215.6 |
| Water white, extra white, and white | 189.1 | 199.9 | 463.8 | 380.1 | 195.5 | 201.6 |
| Extra light amber | 190.8 | 202.7 | 433.7 | 458.8 | 200.8 | 213.5 |
| Light amber, amber, and dark amber | 194.8 | 198.4 | 452.9 | 484.8 | 233.0 | 232.2 |
| All other honey and area specialties | 245.7 | 285.9 | 781.6 | 624.1 | 385.2 | 373.8 |

All Honey, Price by Color Class, All Sales - United States: 2013-2017

